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MEETING HOUSE ERECTED IN 1801

Services in Commemoration
of the

THREE HUNDRETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORGANIZATION
OF THE FIRST PARISH
at

West Bridgewater, Massachusetts

June 24, 1951

MINISTERS OF FIRST PARISH



REV. JAMES KEITH	1664 - 1719
REV. DANIEL PERKINS	1721 - 1782
REV. JOHN REED	1780 - 1831
REV. RICHARD STONE	1834 - 1842
REV. DARIUS FORBES	1845 - 1847
REV. JACOB G. FORMAN	1849 - 1851
REV. RUSSELL A. BALLOU	1852 - 1856
REV. IRA BAILEY	1857 - 1860
REV. DANIEL S. C. M. POTTER	1860 - 1863
REV. WALES B. THAYER	1863 - 1864
REV. NATHANIEL O. CHAFFEE	1864 - 1865
REV. THEODORE L. DEAN	1865 - 1867
REV. JACOB C. FORMAN	1867 - 1870
REV. FRANK P. HAMBLETT	1872 - 1876
REV. JAMES W. FRITCH	1876 - 1877
REV. DAVID H. MONTGOMERY	1877 - 1880
REV. CARLOS C. CARPENTER	1880 - 1883
REV. WILLIAM BROWN	1883 - 1888
REV. SAMUEL HAMLET	1889 - 1894
REV. EDWARD B. MAGATHLIN	1894 - 1916
REV. ALBERT LEAVITT	1916 - 1917
REV. LOUIS WALKER	1919 - 1920
REV. FRANK S. GREDLER	1921 - 1922
REV. JOHN A. HAYES	1922 - 1926
REV. CHARLES G. HORST	1926 - 1931
REV. GERALD R. FITZPATRICK	1931 - 1934
REV. HORACE WESTWOOD	1935 - 1938
REV. ERNEST A. BROWN	1938 - 1939
REV. JOHN H. HERSHEY	1939 - 1943
REV. LEON C. FAY	1944 - 1949
REV. PAUL E. LAUFFER	1949 -



ORDER OF SERVICES AT 11:00 O'CLOCK



PRELUDE — Festival March

Harris

Mrs. Arvid Hagglund, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP (in unison)

Rev. Paul E. Lauffer

*In the love of truth, and in the spirit of Jesus we
unite for the worship of God and the service of man.*

*HYMN

Faith of our fathers, living still,
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword,
O how our hearts beat high with joy,
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers, we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how,
By kindly words and virtuous life;
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*SONG OF EXALTATION

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY

Choral Interlude — "Chcose Ye This Day"

Nordman

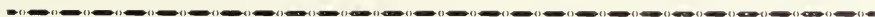
SCRIPTURE READING

Dr. Lester Clark Lewis

ANTHEM — 'The King of Love My Shepherd Is'

Shelly

Choir



ORDER OF SERVICES CONTINUED



PRAYER

Choral Response

SYMBOLIC COMMUNION SERVICE

Rev. William Lord McKinney

*HYMN

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine;
Gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
Manifold the service, one the sure reward.
Forward through the ages in unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

Not alone we conquer; not alone we fall;
In each loss or triumph lose or triumph all.
Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole,
Move we on together to the shining goal!
Forward through the ages in unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine. Amen.

SERMON

Dr. Frederick May Eliot, President of American Unitarian Association

*HYMN

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love!
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

Choral Response

POSTLUDE — Anniversary March

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*Congregation standing.



BANQUET 1:00 P. M. by BOB & KEN



TOASTMASTER — REV. PAUL E. LAUFFER

Recognizing :

DR. FREDERICK MAY ELIOT
President of American Unitarian Association

REV. WILLIAM LORD McKINNEY
Of Bridgewater Unitarian Church

REV. LESTER CLARK LEWIS
Of Brockton Unitarian Church

REV. HERMAN F. LION
Of Duxbury, our Mother Unitarian Church

REV. DONALD MORGAN
Of Methodist Church

REV. ELLERY G. DAKIN
Of Sunset Avenue Congregational Church

REV. GERALD F. FITZPATRICK
Former Minister of the First Parish

REV. ERNEST A. BROWN
Former Minister of the First Parish

REV. JOHN H. HERSHEY
Former Minister of the First Parish

REV. LEON C. FAY
Former Minister of the First Parish

ROGER KEITH
Direct Descendant of Rev. James Keith



PAGEANT



By Mrs. Walter Little and Rev. William L. McKinney

NARRATOR — REV. PAUL E. LAUFFER

SCENE 1 — Signing of the Deed.

SCENE 2 — Pulpit Rock — Scene of First Sermon.

SCENE 3 — First Church Presentation of Communion Set.
First Choir

SCENE 4 — Second Church — Talk between minister and daughter

SCENE 5 — Third Church — Daniel Perkins, Minister.

SCENE 6 — Fourth Church — John Reed, Minister.

SCENE 7 — Looking Toward the Future

Dr. Lester Clark Lewis and Rev. Paul E. Lauffer

Congregation will join in singing first verse of "Forward Through the Ages."

CHARACTERS

Miles Standish	Louis C. Stearns
Samuel Nash	Willard Jackson
Constant Southworth	Col. Percival Churchill
Ousamequin	Malcolm White
Two Braves	Carl Edson, Charles Moore
Rev. James Keith	Warren Turner, Jr.
Mrs. James Keith	Betty Leighton
Rev. Keith's daughter Mary	Dorothy Moore
Deacon Edson	Elmer Harlow, Jr.
Mrs. Edson	Margaret Harlow
Rev. Keith's two sons	Dona'd and Ronny Metcalf
Rev. Daniel Perkins	Rev. William L. McKinney
Rev. John Reed	Dr. Lester Clark Lewis
Captain Church	Warren Turner, Sr.
King Philip's wife and son	Mrs. Paul Lauffer and son
Settlers	Stuart Keith, Bobby Childs, June Metcalf, Joanne Staples

COMMITTEE OF THE 300th. ANNIVERSARY



Chairman — Miss Jane Bartlett

Co-Chairmen — Mrs. Claire L. Erbeck and Mr. Elmer Harlow, Jr.

Secretary — Mrs. Jessie M. Anderson

Treasurer — Warren A. Turner

Banquet — Robert Fischer

Publicity — John and Anna Howe

Ushers — John C. Eldridge

Pageant — Mrs. Claire L. Erbeck

Costumes — Mrs. Walter Little

Scenery — Mr. Richard Bartlett, Mr. A. Philip Erbeck

Historical Arrangement — Mr. Edward MacMaster



Rev. Paul E. Lauffer

Pev. William Lord McKinney

Rev. Lester Clark Lewis

Mrs. Harold Mann

Mrs. Robert Perkins

Miss Grace L. Alger

Miss Catherine Choate Porter

Mrs. Marian S. MacDonald

Mrs. Florence M. Robery

Mrs. Josephine B. Pitkin

Mrs. Mildred Metcalf

Mrs. Marjorie MacDonald





PULPIT ROCK, THE SCENE OF THE FIRST SERMON,
PREACHED BY THE REVEREND JAMES KEITH
IN THE SUMMER OF 1662

